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IN RE APPLICATION OF: John Burwell, et al.

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRESSURE TESTING STORAGE
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Communication dated May 28, 2003, Applicants' respectfully request entry of the attached Amendment, which was inadvertently filed without a signature on January 15, 2003, as evidenced by the enclosed copy of the date-stamped filing receipt.

In light of the above, Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and therefore request favorable consideration. If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' counsel, James M. Heintz at (202) 861-4167.

Respectfully submitted,

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